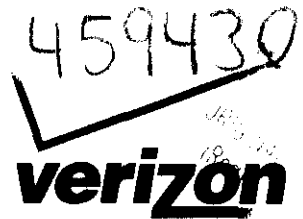


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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

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Re: Lower Darby Creek Area Superfund Site- Clearview Landfill,
Folcroft Landfill and Folcroft Landfill Annex – Request for
Information

Dear Mr. Nishitani:

This is to confirm that you have provided Verizon Pennsylvania Inc. (formerly Bell Atlantic Pennsylvania and referred to herein as VPI) with an extension to the Information Request sent by Ms. Joan Armstrong, dated August 9, 2002 regarding the above-referenced site. You did not provide an exact extension date but, instead asked that I get back to you within thirty days of my receipt of the letter (which I believe is September 16, 2002) to report on the progress of VPI's investigation. As I stated on the telephone, because of the number of facilities owned and/or operated by VPI and the time periods covered by the Information Request, it is going to be very difficult and time-consuming to conduct an appropriate investigation. In all likelihood, VPI will have to make some reasonable adjustments to the parameters of its investigation. I will advise you of any such adjustments that we intend to propose.

Please note that Ms. Armstrong addressed her letter to Verizon Communications Inc. Please note that Verizon Communications Inc. is a holding company that does not perform any activities that could result in any CERCLA liability in Pennsylvania. VPI is the operating company that does generate waste materials. While we have not determined that VPI sent any materials or wastes to the above-referenced site, we believe that Ms. Armstrong meant to send the letter to VPI. Therefore, any response will be from VPI and future correspondence should be directed to VPI.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you believe that I have misunderstood our conversation, if you have any questions or if you wish to discuss this matter.

Very truly yours,

cc: Jacque McCormick